

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1048 - HB 1582

February 26, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes each state department and agency to elect to provide a smoking cessation program for state employees within available funds.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

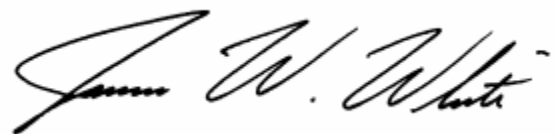
Other Fiscal Impact – Should all state departments and agencies elect to provide a smoking cessation program, the cost is estimated to exceed \$3,400,000 or \$335 per participating employee. Departments and agencies will not receive additional funds to provide this service.

Assumptions:

- It is estimated that 27% of the 73,500 state and higher education employees or 19,845 are smokers.
- According to a recent Behavioral Health Factor Survey, 51.4% of those surveyed indicated a desire to quit smoking. Assuming the same percentage, 10,200 employees would enroll in a smoking cessation program.
- According to the Department of Health, the program will consist of an 8-12 week counseling program at \$95 per participant resulting in a total cost of \$969,000 (\$95 X 10,200).
- Each participant would receive a three month supply of nicotine patches at two boxes per month at \$40 per box resulting in \$2,448,000 (\$40 X 6 X 10,200).
- State departments and agencies will have to provide the program within available funds.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director